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SUBJECT: JAPANESE ADVOCACY FOR IAEA CANDIDATE, UPCOMING
SEMINAR IN VIENNA

REF: A. VIENNA 00002
[1](#)B. HICKS-DRESSER-CARNAHAN EMAIL 1/08

Classified By: Ambassador J. Thomas Schieffer for reasons 1.4
(b) and (d)

[1](#)1. (U) This message contains an action request, please see
para 6.

[1](#)2. (SBU) Post appreciates reftel readout from Vienna on the
IAEA DG election. In a discussion which touched on this
issue, Econoff met with Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA)
Nonproliferation, Science, and Nuclear Energy Division Deputy
Director Naoto Ito and Special Assistant for Nuclear Issues
Toshio Kaneko January 7. Discussion centered on MOFA's work
regarding the candidacy of Ambassador Yukiya Amano for the
position of IAEA Director General, and on an upcoming seminar
to be hosted by the Japanese mission in Vienna.

[1](#)3. (C) Ito and Kaneko noted they are spending the majority
of their time working on Amano's candidacy. They commented
that the letter (ref A) from Board Chair Feroukhi identifying
Amano and Minty as the sole candidates had come as a relief
and as a small surprise, as they had been very concerned
about the emergence of other candidates. Now that the
consultation phase is beginning, MOFA will conduct intense
advocacy efforts focused on the 35 members of the IAEA Board
of Governors. Ito jokingly noted it is a good thing they
have many foreign language speakers on staff, as they "have a
lot of letters to write".

[1](#)4. (SBU) After discussing the DG election, Kaneko commented
that Japan's mission in Vienna is planning to host a January
26 "Seminar on the Global Fuel Supply" with the support of
the IAEA Secretariat. He said Japan intends to invite
delegations from all IAEA member countries, and specifically
pointed out that this would include Iran. The seminar will
focus on the front end of the nuclear supply chain and will
be open to the media. MOFA intends to make all of the
seminar's material publicly available. Although some
speakers are still being arranged, currently scheduled
presenters include the IAEA, the OECD, and a variety of
industry representatives.

[1](#)5. (C) Kaneko provided a draft schedule for the seminar
which Post has e-mailed to DOE, EAP/J and ISN/NESS for
passage to appropriate officers in Vienna. He noted the U.S.
Mission in Vienna had not yet been provided a copy of the
schedule, but MOFA hopes to provide a final draft soon. In
describing the document, Kaneko said because issues of
nuclear supply are so sensitive to some countries, Japan is

making an active effort to avoid using controversial terms such as "assurances of supply" or "supplier states," and rather is trying to use generic terms like "market trends". Nonproliferation, Science, and Nuclear Energy Division Director Ichikawa will head the Japanese delegation, and Ambassador Nakane will act as Chairperson.

16. (SBU) Action request: Please provide guidance regarding the U.S. position on the DG election for use in Tokyo with GOJ officials. Also, if possible, Post would appreciate a copy of the guidance requested in ref A.
SCHIEFFER